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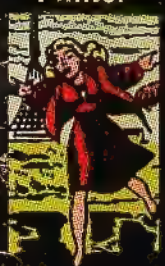

"THE MAN IN BLUE!"

OOOF! WHAT ARE YOU HITTING ME FOR? I PAID YOU PLENTY TO TAKE CARE OF THIS GUY!
YEAH!...BUT HE JUST OFFERED ME DOUBLE TO FIX YOUR WAGON!
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THE BOSS OF CELL BLOCK "18"

BELIEVE IT OR NOT, THIS IS A SCENE THAT TOOK PLACE IN THE STATE PENITENTIARY IN 1946! OF COURSE YOU RECOGNIZE BIG AL RUSSO... YOU REMEMBER THE NEWSPAPER ACCOUNTS WHEN THE CRIME COMMITTEE, IN A SURPRISE MOVE, FOUND EVIDENCE THAT PUT HIM IN JAIL! THIS IS THE AUTHENTIC ACCOUNT OF WHAT HAPPENED TO BIG AL *AFTER* THAT FATEFUL COURT DECISION...

THIS'LL TEACH YA TO SQUEAL ON BIG AL RUSSO! I'M STILL THE BIG SHOT, SEE? INSIDE OR OUT I'M THE BOSS! LAY IT ON HIM, BOYS!
COAST'S STILL CLEAR, AL!
ANOTHER TRIUMPH FOR JUSTICE!
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THIS IS THE STATE PENITENTIARY, MARCH, 1946... THE INMATES ARE HABITUAL LAWBREAKERS, PUT BEHIND BARS TO PROTECT YOU AND YOUR LOVED ONES FROM VIOLENCE! REMEMBER THAT AS YOU READ THIS STORY...

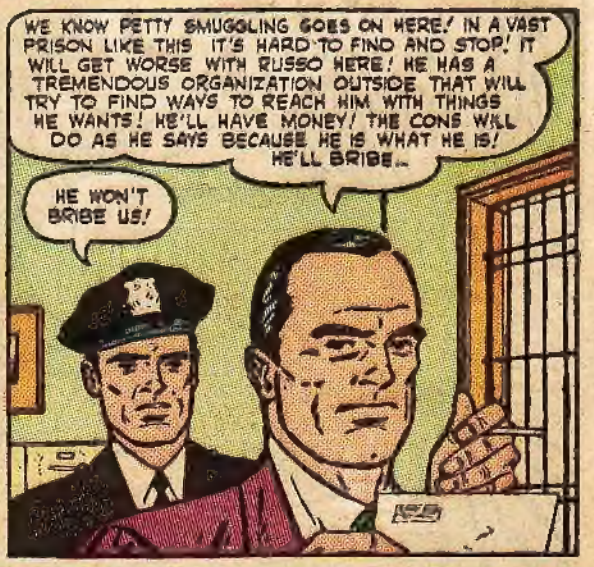
A BELL RINGS... THE IRON DOORS SWING OPEN, THEN CLANG SHUT BEHIND THE CONVICTS! VOICES MUMBLE EXCITEDLY! THE PRISON GRAPEVINE, THAT MYSTERIOUS SOURCE OF INFORMATION, HAS BEEN AT WORK...

THEY WON'T KEEP BIG AL LONG...NOT WITH HIS DOUGH! HE'S GOT MILLIONS!
AND HE'S GOT AN ORGANIZATION OUTSIDE!

BEIN' SENT HERE'LL BE LIKE A VACATION TO HIM!
YEAH! HE AIN'T LIKE US! AL'S A BIG SHOT! WONDER WHAT CELL BLOCK HE'LL BE ASSIGNED!
SPICY STORIES

THE NAME WAS ON THE LIPS OF EVERY ONE INSIDE THOSE GRAY STONE WALLS! EVEN IN THE WARDEN'S OFFICE...
RUSSO! BIG AL! I'M AFRAID HE'S BRINGING TROUBLE WITH HIM, MEN!
HOW SO, WARDEN? HE'S JUST ANOTHER CROOK WHO GOT CAUGHT!

TO US, YES! BUT TO THE INMATES IT'S ANOTHER STORY! RUSSO IS A BIG SHOT! THESE MEN WORSHIP HIS KIND OF POWER! THEY GET SO THEY THINK THEY'RE INVINCIBLE!


WE KNOW PETTY SMUGGLING GOES ON HERE! IN A VAST PRISON LIKE THIS IT'S HARD TO FIND AND STOP! IT WILL GET WORSE WITH RUSSO HERE! HE HAS A TREMENDOUS ORGANIZATION OUTSIDE THAT WILL TRY TO FIND WAYS TO REACH HIM WITH THINGS HE WANTS! HE'LL HAVE MONEY! THE CONS WILL DO AS HE SAYS BECAUSE HE IS WHAT HE IS! HE'LL BRIBE...
HE WON'T BRIBE US!

NOT YOU, BUT THERE ARE OTHERS! TRUSTEES...PEOPLE FROM OUTSIDE! WE HAVE TO BE ALERT TO EVERYTHING FROM NOW ON!
ONE MAN CAUSING YOU ALL THIS CONCERN, WARDEN! NO WONDER THOSE BIG CRIMINALS GET SO BIG IF THEY CAN EVEN CREATE FEAR INSIDE THESE WALLS!

NOT FEAR, SPERRY...CAUTION! THEY DO CAUSE FEAR OUTSIDE! THAT'S HOW THEY BECOME BIG...BECAUSE THEY'RE RUTHLESS! BUT NO MATTER HOW BIG THEY GET OR HOW MUCH MONEY THEY ACCUMULATE, IT DOESN'T DO THEM ANY GOOD!
RUSSO'S HERE, WARDEN BARNES!

HI, WARDEN! GUESS YA NEVER EXPECTED TO SEE ME HERE! IT'S A MISTAKE! MY LAWYERS'LL PROVE THAT I WON'T BE HERE LONG...BUT WHILE I'M HERE, WE MIGHT AS WELL BE FRIENDLY, HUH?

ASSIGN THIS MAN TO CELL BLOCK 18! ISSUE HIM THE REGULAR UNIFORM! HE IS TO HAVE NO PRIVILEGES NOT ACCORDED THE OTHER MEN!
NOW LOOK, FELLER! LET'S NOT MAKE THIS TOUGH! I'VE GOT PLENTY OF PULL IN THE RIGHT POLITICAL SPOTS OUTSIDE! I COULD DO YOU GOOD!
TAKE HIM AWAY!
SO THAT'S THE WAY IT'S GONNA BE, HUH? YUH CHEAP PUNK...I COULD BUY AN' SELL YUH! I'LL FIX YOUR WAGON!
THE WHISPERS SWEPT THROUGH THE CORRIDORS...
BIG AL'S BEEN ASSIGNED CELL BLOCK 18!
THIS CELL BLOCK 18?
DID YUH HEAR THAT? BIG AL'S COMIN' HERE!
SHHHH! HERE HE COMES!
GOT COMPANY FOR YOU, BINDLE!
WELCOME TO OUR HOME, BIG AL!
SHUT UP!
I'M TAKING THE UPPER BUNK! GET YOUR STUFF OFF AND MAKE IT SNAPPY!
I'M THE BOSS HERE NOW, UNDERSTAND? ANYBODY GETS OUTTA LINE GETS HIS! GET ME?
SURE, SURE, AL!
YEAH! YOU'RE THE BOSS, AL! WE KNOW THAT!
WE'LL DO WHAT EVER YUH TELL US, AL!

HE WAS ARROGANT...CRUEL! HE TOOK OVER CELL BLOCK 18 AND THE CONS GROVELED BEFORE HIM!

PASS THE WORD, WE LOUSE UP THE DINING ROOM! THIS STINKIN' WARDEN WANTS TO BE TOUGH... SO WE GIVE HIM THE WORKS! SO PASS THE WORD!

HERE'S A FIVE SPOT, PUNK! SMUGGLE ME SOME GOOD CIGARS AND THEY BETTER BE GOOD, SEE?

SURE, AL, SURE!

O.K., HORSEFACE, START THE RIOT! I'LL FIX THAT LOUSY WARDEN!

THIS AIN'T FOOD! IT'S SWILL! WE WANT DECENT FOOD!

THAT'S ALL THAT'S NEEDED IN A PRISON! JUST ONE MAN TO START SOMETHING AND THEN THE REST, STARVED FOR EXCITEMENT, BECOME HOWLING WOLVES!

FOOD!

WE WANT FOOD!

TAKE YOUR STINKIN' GARBAGE!

SO BIG AL IS STARTING! BREAK OUT THE HOSES!

THE BATTERING HOSE SOON BROKE THE RIOT AND THE CONVICTS WET AND BREATHLESS WERE RETURNED TO THEIR CELLS!

CRIPES, AL... HOW DID YOU KEEP DRY?

I WAS SMART! I GOT OUT OF THERE!

GOT SOME MORE MOOLA TODAY! YOU, PINKIE, TAKE MY SHIFT IN THE BASKET WEAVIN' ROOM! I'M GONNA TAKE A REST TOMORROW MORNIN'! IF THERE'S ANY QUESTIONS, TELL 'EM I DON'T FEEL GOOD!

O.K., AL!

HEY, THAT'S QUITE A RACKET... GETTIN' YOUR DOUGH SENT IN LIKE THAT!

LISTEN, SPREAD THE WORD! I WANT EVERYBODY TO CUT DOWN ON THEIR WORK HERE, SEE? I'LL FIX THAT WARDEN! HE'LL WISH HE'D PLAYED BALL WITH ME!
O.K., AL, WHATEVER YOU SAY!

ANOTHER THING, EVERYBODY WHO GETS ANY DOUGH OR FOOD OR CIGARETTES FROM OUTSIDE HAS GOT TO KICK IN 50% TO ME, SEE? YOU GUYS IN THIS BLOCK'LL COLLECT FOR ME! THAT'S THE NEW LAW I'M MAKIN'!

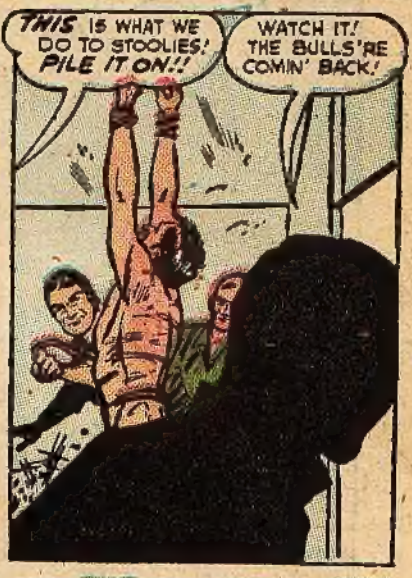
THE NEXT MORNING...

HERE'S YOUR CHOCOLATES THAT WERE SENT IN FROM AN ADMIRER, AL! BUT THIS TIME, YOU WON'T FIND ANY MONEY IN 'EM OR IN YOUR CIGARETTE PACKS, EITHER!
WHY, YUH...SO... THERE'S A STOOLIE IN CELL BLOCK 18, HUH?

BIG AL CIRCULATED THROUGH THE YARD, ASKING QUESTIONS...AND HE GOT HIS ANSWER...

I SAW BINDLE SNEAK INTO THE WARDEN'S OFFICE LAST NIGHT! HE'S THE STOOLIE!
I'LL FIX THAT LITTLE PUNK! LISTEN, START A FIRE IN THE LAUNDRY AT 2 THIS AFTERNOON!

BIG AL AND THE CONS FROM BLOCK 18 WERE IN THE BASKET ROOM WHEN THE FIRE ALARM SOUNDED...



YOU'VE KILLED A MAN, RUSSO! AND I'M GOING TO SEE TO IT THAT YOU'RE CHARGED WITH MURDER! PUT HIM IN THE SOLITARY CONFINEMENT UNTIL HIS TRIAL!
YOU CAN'T PROVE NOTHIN'! MY BROTHER FRANKIE'LL GET THE BEST MOUTHPIECE IN THE COUNTRY!

SOMEHOW, BIG AL GOT WORD OUT! THE PENAL GRAPEVINE WAS ALIVE WITH WHISPERS! THE FIX WAS ON!

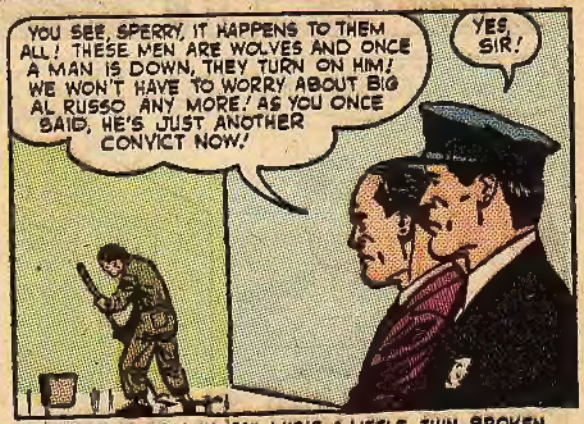
BIG AL'S BROTHER'S GOT A TERRIFIC MOUTHPIECE!
YEAH... GONNA GET HIM OUT ON A TECHNICALITY!
GONNA GET THE WARDEN CANNED! THE FIX IS ON!

THE BIG SHOT HAD BEEN USED TO SOFT LIVING FOR A LONG TIME! HE WAS A CHANGED MAN AFTER THREE WEEKS OF SOLITARY WHEN HE ENTERED THE COURT ROOM...

HE WON'T BE HERE, AL! YOU'RE FINISHED! WASHED UP, BIG SHOT! TAKE A LOOK AT THE PAPER... AT WHAT YOUR EVER-LOVING BROTHER HAS PULLED!
REMOVE THAT MAN FROM MY COURT!
WHAT?

BIG AL RUSSO WAS GIVEN LIFE FOR THE MURDER OF A FELLOW CONVICT! HE WAS RETURNED TO CELL BLOCK 18...

WHAT DID YOU SAY?
I SAID SHUT UP! YOU'RE THROUGH, SEE... INSIDE AND OUTSIDE! WE KNOW ALL ABOUT IT! YOU'RE NO BIG SHOT ANY MORE! YOU'RE JUST ANOTHER CON AN' A PRETTY CRUMMY ONE AT THAT! PINKIE, HAND THIS PUNK YOUR MOP!


YOU SEE, SPERRY, IT HAPPENS TO THEM ALL! THESE MEN ARE WOLVES AND ONCE A MAN IS DOWN, THEY TURN ON HIM! WE WON'T HAVE TO WORRY ABOUT BIG AL RUSSO ANY MORE! AS YOU ONCE SAID, HE'S JUST ANOTHER CONVICT NOW!
YES, SIR!

AL RUSSO IS STILL IN JAIL! HE'S A LITTLE, THIN, BROKEN MAN NOW... HIS ARROGANCE AND VICIOUSNESS GONE! HE'LL STAY-IN JAIL UNTIL HE DIES! EITHER AN EARLY GRAVE OR A LIFE BEHIND BARS FINALLY REACHES ALL CRIMINALS WHO PREY ON THE SOCIETY WE HAVE FASHIONED FOR OUR PROTECTION!

THE END

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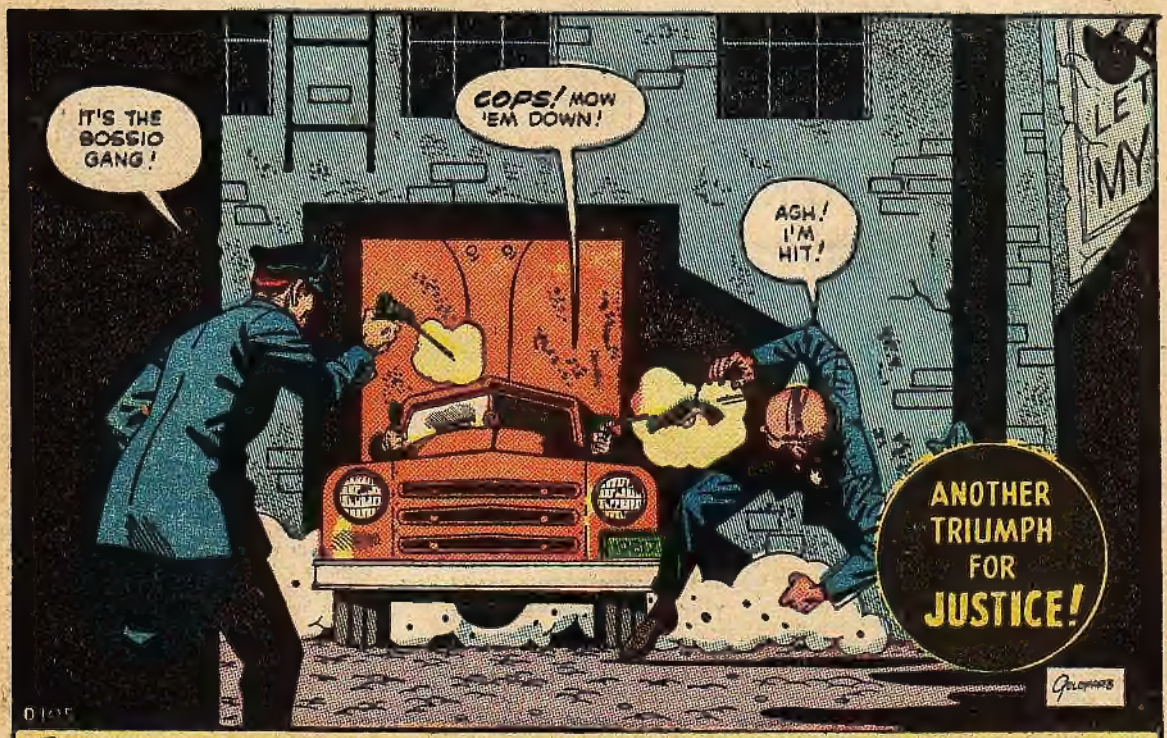
THE MAN IN BLUE



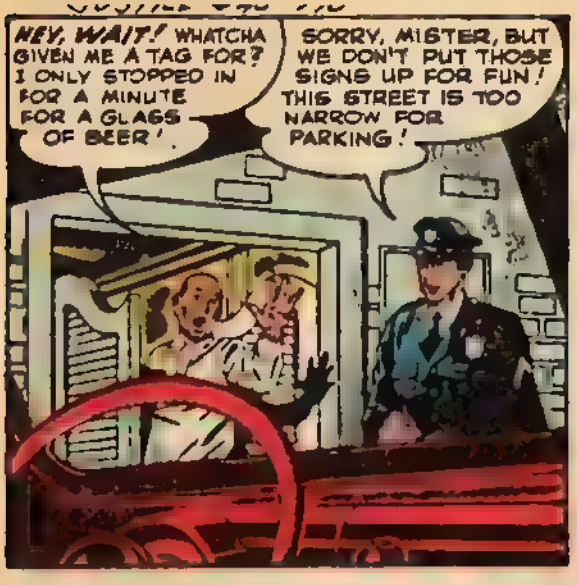
THIS IS THE STORY OF FRANK FARREL, AN ORDINARY GUY, AN AVERAGE COP! YOU CAN FIND OUT ABOUT FRANK BY CHECKING HIS RECORD AT THE PRECINCT, AND HIS FILE AT HEADQUARTERS, BUT THAT WOULD BE ONLY PART OF THE STORY! LET'S FOLLOW HIM AS HE POUNDS HIS BEAT AND MAYBE WE'LL GET THE TRUE STORY OF THIS MAN IN BLUE...

THIS IS THE 10TH PRECINCT! IT'S MAY 30TH, 1952! IF YOU CHECK YOUR NEWSPAPER OF THAT DATE YOU'LL SEE A COUPLE OF PARAGRAPHS ABOUT WHAT HAPPENED THAT NIGHT... BUT WE'RE GETTING AHEAD OF OUR STORY...

LET'S GO INSIDE! THE NIGHT SHIFT IS ABOUT READY TO GO ON...

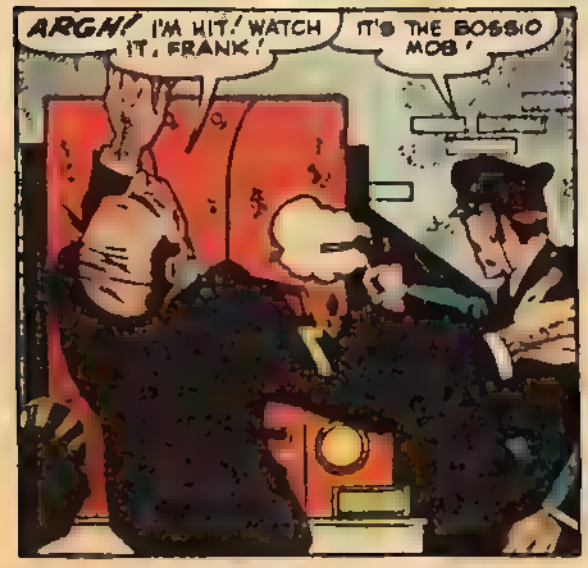
THE NEWSPAPERS AND THE MAYOR'S BEEN RIDING US AGAIN ABOUT THESE WAREHOUSE ROBBERIES, SO KEEP YOUR EYES PEELED AND REPORT ANYTHING SUSPICIOUS!

CAP'S STEAMED UP OVER THOSE ROBBERIES!
I GUESS THEY'VE BEEN GIV NG HIM A BAD TIME ABOUT IT!
IF IT AIN'T ONE TH NG, IT'S ANOTHER! WE DO OUR BEST, BUT NOBODY EVER SEEMS TO THINK SO! WONDER WHO'S IN BACK OF THESE WARE-HOUSE HEISTS?
WE'VE HAD A TIP IT'S THE BOSSIO GANG, BUT WE CAN'T GET ANYTHING ON THEM!
ABRAMS AND FARREL REPORTING IN!
WHEN'S YOUR RETIREMENT COMING THRU, ASH?
ANY DAY!
WELL, SO LONG! I'VE GOT SOME PAPER WORK TO DO YET! IT'S BEEN QUIET!
I'LL WALK THE SOUTHSIDE, FRANK! MEET YOU AT FELTON'S WAREHOUSE!
FARREL MOVES NORTH! HE'LL CIRCLE AND MEET HIS PARTNER HALFWAY AROUND! IT'S AFTER 12 AND FAIRLY QUIET..
HI, MR. TOLKA! WORKING LATE?
INVENTORY!
GOOD NIGHT!
YOU'D THINK HE'D WALK ALONG WITH ME! ALL THESE HOODLUMS AROUND.. I'M A TAXPAYER .. I PAY HIS WAGES! BUT DO YOU THINK HE CARES?
WHAT'S FRANK THINKING? HE'S A COP, ON DUTY, A MAN IN BLUE.. IS HE THINKING HEROIC THOUGHTS... IS HE THINKING OF DANGER IN THE NIGHT...
WISH I COULD GET BETTER HOURS SO I COULD SPEND MORE TIME WITH MARIE!
I'LL HAVE TO RUN UP AND SEE MOM TO-MORROW... AND JIMMY!


HEY, WAIT! WHATCHA GIVEN ME A TAG FOR? I ONLY STOPPED IN FOR A MINUTE FOR A GLASS OF BEER!
SORRY, MISTER, BUT WE DON'T PUT THOSE SIGNS UP FOR FUN! THIS STREET IS TOO NARROW FOR PARKING!

DRIVE SLOWLY, MISTER. YOU'VE HAD MORE THAN ONE GLASS, I'D SAY!
THAT'S ALL THEY'RE GOOD FOR.. GIVING OUT TAGS TO LAW-ABIDING CITIZENS! SURE, IF THERE WAS SOME REAL TROUBLE, YOU COULDN'T FIND A COP ANYWHERE NEAR!

FRANK WALKS ALONG LEAVING BEHIND HIM A "LAW-ABIDING CITIZEN" WHO HAD DELIBERATELY BROKEN THE LAW! SOMETIMES YOU WONDER IF SUCH PEOPLE REALIZE THAT LAWS ARE MADE TO PROTECT THEM!



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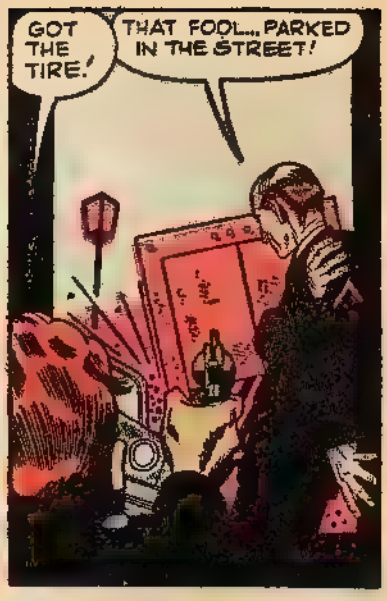
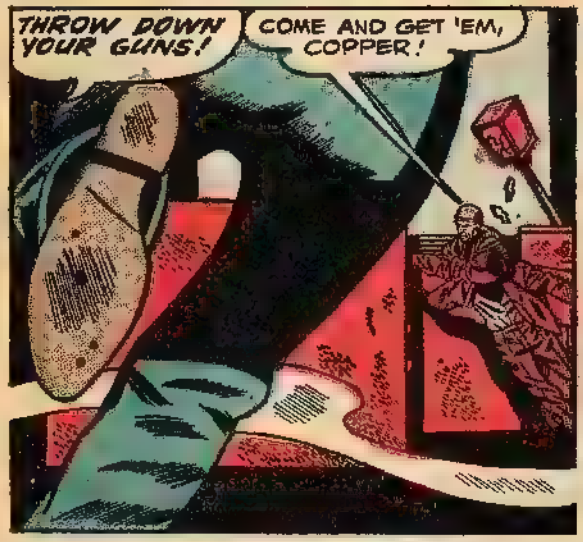
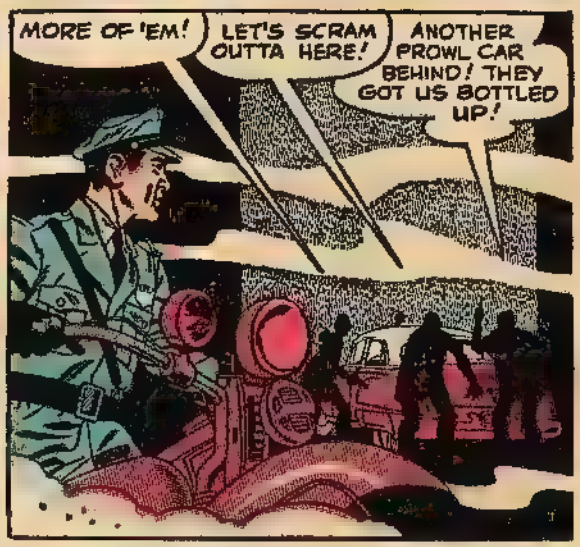
FRANK FLATTENS AGAINST THE WALL OF BRICK! IT'S CLOSE! THE SLAMMING TRUCK ALMOST TAKES HIS BUTTONS OFF...

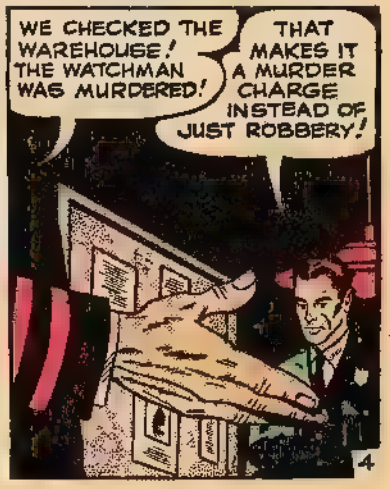


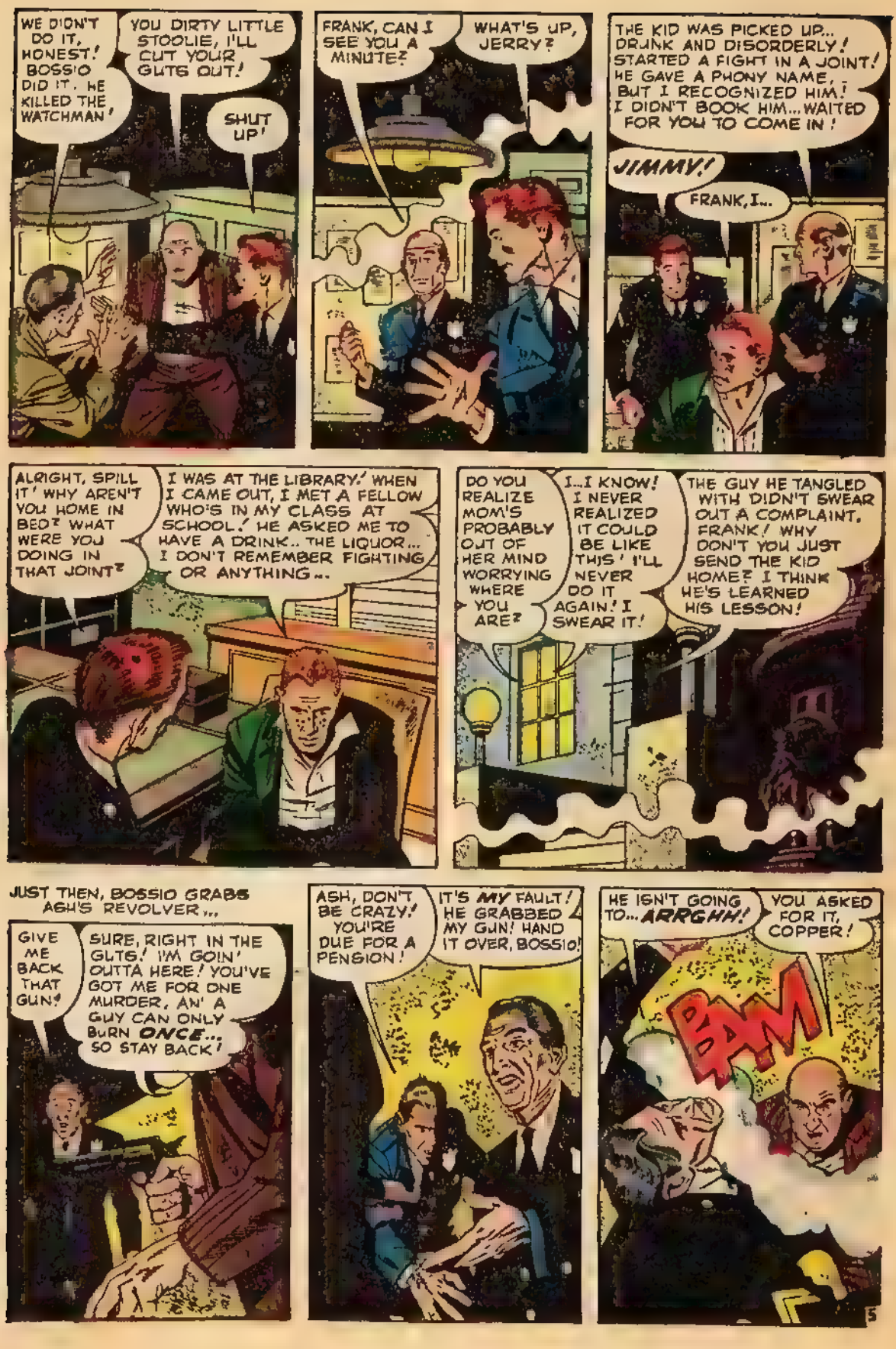




YOU HIT BAD, ABRAMS?
SHOULDER! WELL, WE GOT THE BOSSIO GANG... AND I GET A VACATION!
WE'LL CALL FOR THE WAGON AND RELIEF FOR YOU AND YOUR PARTNER!

ABRAMS IS TAKEN TO THE HOSPITAL! FRANK GOES BACK TO THE PRECINCT WITH THE PRISONERS TO BOOK THEM...




WE DIDN'T DO IT, HONEST! BOSSIO DID IT. HE KILLED THE WATCHMAN!
YOU DIRTY LITTLE STOOLIE, I'LL CUT YOUR GUTS OUT!
SHUT UP!
FRANK, CAN I SEE YOU A MINUTE?
WHAT'S UP, JERRY?
THE KID WAS PICKED UP... DRUNK AND DISORDERLY! STARTED A FIGHT IN A JOINT! HE GAVE A PHONY NAME, BUT I RECOGNIZED HIM! I DIDN'T BOOK HIM... WAITED FOR YOU TO COME IN!
JIMMY!
FRANK, I...
ALRIGHT, SPILL IT! WHY AREN'T YOU HOME IN BED? WHAT WERE YOU DOING IN THAT JOINT?
I WAS AT THE LIBRARY! WHEN I CAME OUT, I MET A FELLOW WHO'S IN MY CLASS AT SCHOOL! HE ASKED ME TO HAVE A DRINK.. THE LIQUOR... I DON'T REMEMBER FIGHTING OR ANYTHING...
DO YOU REALIZE MOM'S PROBABLY OUT OF HER MIND WORRYING WHERE YOU ARE?
I...I KNOW! I NEVER REALIZED IT COULD BE LIKE THIS! I'LL NEVER DO IT AGAIN! I SWEAR IT!
THE GUY HE TANGLED WITH DIDN'T SWEAR OUT A COMPLAINT, FRANK! WHY DON'T YOU JUST SEND THE KID HOME? I THINK HE'S LEARNED HIS LESSON!
JUST THEN, BOSSIO GRABS ASH'S REVOLVER...
GIVE ME BACK THAT GUN!
SURE, RIGHT IN THE GUTS! I'M GOIN' OUTTA HERE! YOU'VE GOT ME FOR ONE MURDER, AN' A GUY CAN ONLY BURN ONCE... SO STAY BACK!
ASH, DON'T BE CRAZY! YOU'RE DUE FOR A PENSION!
IT'S MY FAULT! HE GRABBED MY GUN! HAND IT OVER, BOSSIO!
HE ISN'T GOING TO... ARRGHH!
YOU ASKED FOR IT, COPPER!
BAM
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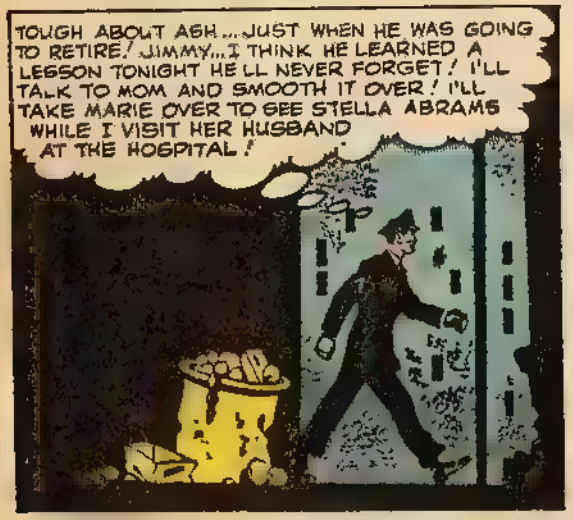
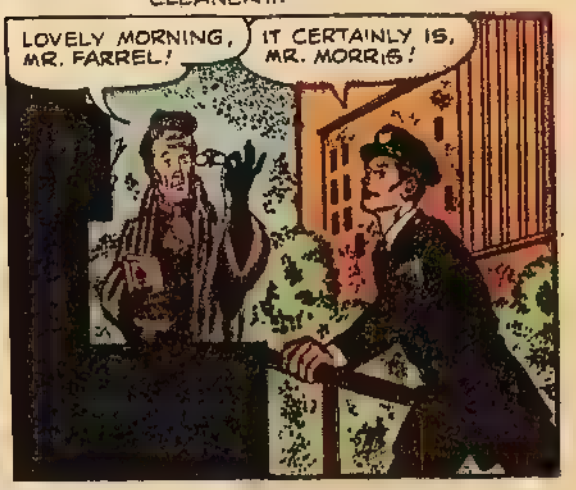
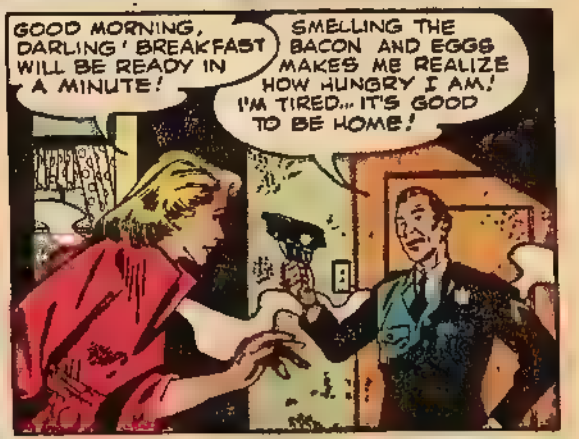
IT'S MORNING! FRANK'S SHIFT'S OVER! HE'S ON HIS WAY HOME...


TOUGH ABOUT ASH... JUST WHEN HE WAS GOING TO RETIRE! JIMMY... I THINK HE LEARNED A LESSON TONIGHT HE'LL NEVER FORGET! I'LL TALK TO MOM AND SMOOTH IT OVER! I'LL TAKE MARIE OVER TO SEE STELLA ABRAMS WHILE I VISIT HER HUSBAND AT THE HOSPITAL!

IT'S A NICE DAY, A CLEAN MORNING, AND FRANK LIFTS HIS HEAD A LITTLE HIGHER... HE FEELS THAT SOMEHOW HE'S MADE THE CITY A LITTLE CLEANER...




GOOD MORNING, DARLING! BREAKFAST WILL BE READY IN A MINUTE!
SMELLING THE BACON AND EGGS MAKES ME REALIZE HOW HUNGRY I AM! I'M TIRED... IT'S GOOD TO BE HOME!

WE'VE WALKED THE BEAT WITH PATROLMAN FARREL, THE MAN IN BLUE! WE'LL LEAVE HIM NOW TO KISS HIS WIFE, TO EAT HIS BREAKFAST TO SLEEP! HE'S *EARNED* IT!

THE END

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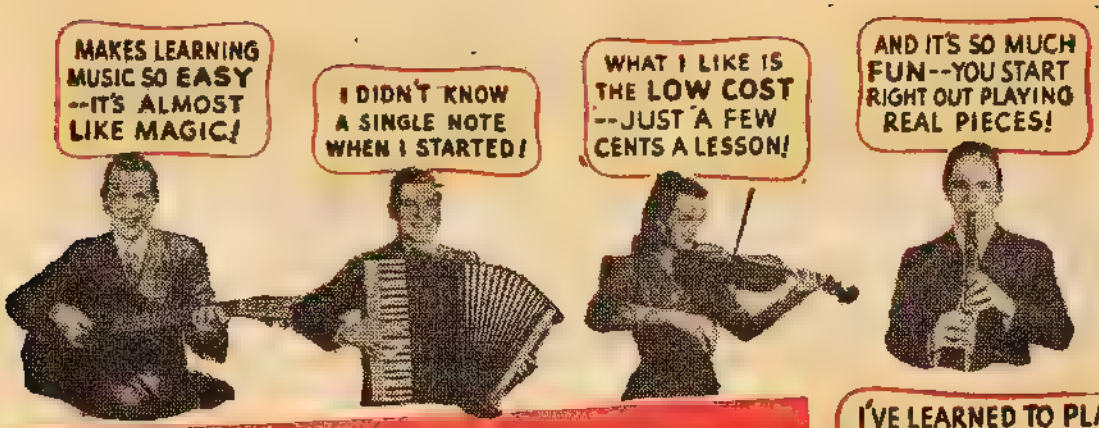
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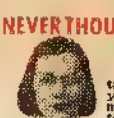

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I WAS sitting at my desk going through the morning mail, when she walked in. She was a kindly-looking old woman. Wore a shawl around her shoulders which had a slight stoop that comes with age. I didn't know who she was at first, but when she handed me her card I nearly fell over backwards.

"Agatha Darwood!" I exclaimed.

"Yes, and don't shout it to the roof-tops, young man!" she said.

"But I don't get it," I said. "What would you want with a private detective like me? You could buy the best in the country six times over. The things I've heard about you, I—" I stopped there remembering the things I'd heard about her.

"That I'm a wealthy old fuss-pot, grouchy, nasty and impossible to get along with? Well, they're all true. And I could hire the best in the country, but I've heard about you and I think you're my man."

"But what?—"

"Don't interrupt when I speak, young man. I need a private detective, because I think I'm going to be killed."

I was sure that my mouth had fallen open, but I just sat there and waited for her to go on. I never would have believed it, if it hadn't happened to me.

She continued: "As you know, I am worth quite a large sum of money. Of course it's not as large as *some* of the stories would have it, but there will be quite a tidy sum left to charity. I think that one of my relatives is going to try to kill me."

"What makes you suspect that?" I asked.

"Well," she said, "last night the will—in which I leave everything to charity — was stolen from the strong box in my room. Of course my lawyer, Mr. Courtney, is the only one who knows that he has a duplicate of that will in his office safe. They've all been watching me very closely, keeping tabs on my whereabouts. The only reason I dared to come to you, was that my dentist, Dr. Rogers is in this very building. He took care of a filling that I needed, and I considered it a good opportunity to come to see you. Here is a five hundred dollar retainer to find out who stole my will and who is trying to kill me."

"Well!" I said.

"Well what?"

"Well there's not very much to go on. Is there?"

"You're a detective. Are you not? Well then, *detect!*"

She got up and walked out the door. She left the front door ajar, and through it I heard the following:

"Aunt Agatha!" the young male voice said, "I came over to Dr. Rogers here when I'd heard you'd left the house. We've been worried about you."

"I thought I told you to go right home," said another male voice. "That drilling is quite a strain for a woman of your age and condition. I suggest that you go right home with your nephew and go right to bed."

Agatha Darwood tried to argue, but her nephew succeeded in prevailing on the old woman to go home with him in his car. I thought about the whole peculiar situation for the rest of the afternoon. *Who was going to try to kill Agatha Darwood?*

* * *

The next morning I awoke late. Being five hundred dollars richer, I had a big breakfast at Darnley's and got to my office a little after 11:00 A.M. It was in the newspaper that lay on my desk, that I saw the headlines. AGATHA DARWOOD DIES OF ARSENIC POISONING. I went on to read how the fast-acting poison had taken the life of the wealthy old woman in a house where she

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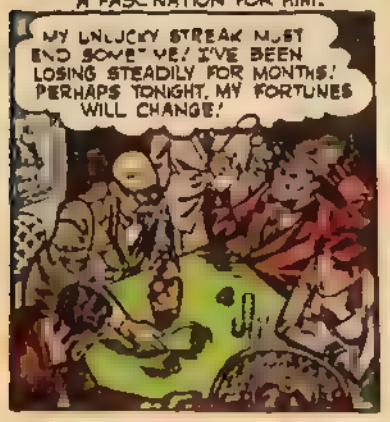
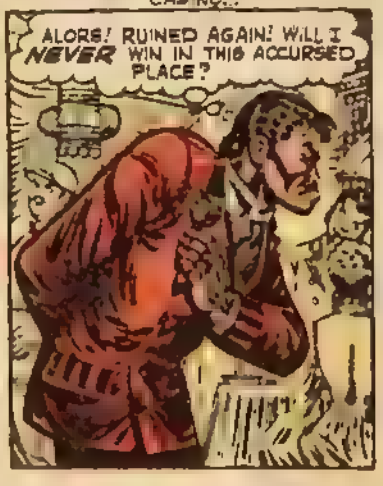
THE [illegible] WHICH [illegible] A [illegible] OF [illegible] STRIKE [illegible] IN THE

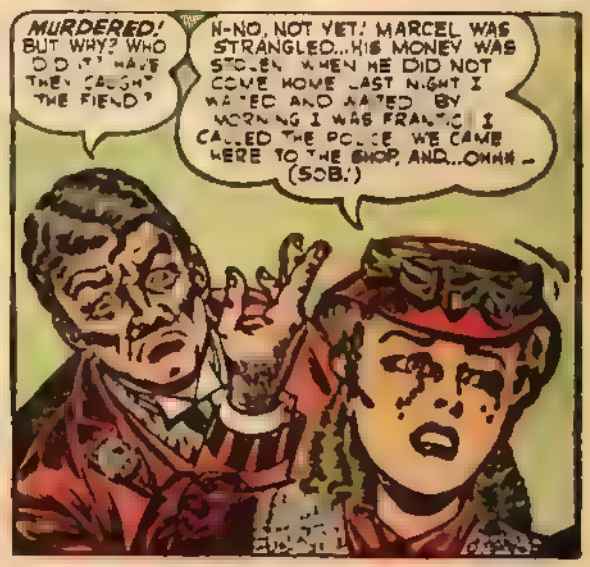
WITHIN AN HOUR OF HIS VICIOUS CRIME, PIERRE VOLAIN WAS AT HIS FAVORITE GAMBLING CASINO IN THE MONTMARTRE SECTION OF PARIS! THE MURDER OF HIS BUSINESS PARTNER WAS NO LONGER TROUBLING HIS THOUGHTS! THE DICE TABLE HELD TOO GREAT A FASCINATION FOR HIM!

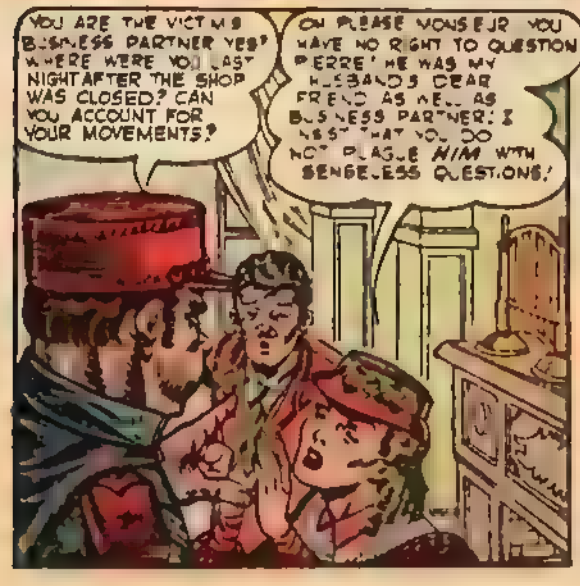


BUT PIERRE'S BLOOD MONEY WAS NO LUCKIER FOR HIM THAT NIGHT THAN HIS OWN FUNDS WHICH HE GAMBLED AWAY EACH NIGHT AT THE CASINO...



THE NEXT MORNING, WHEN PIERRE ENTERED THE SHOP OF WHICH HE WAS A PARTNER HE WAS READY TO PLAY HIS ROLE AS THE SHOCKED, GRIEVED FRIEND AND BUSINESS ASSOCIATE...


MURDERED! BUT WHY? WHO DID IT? HAVE THEY CAUGHT THE FIEND?
N-NO, NOT YET! MARCEL WAS STRANGLED...HIS MONEY WAS STOLEN WHEN HE DID NOT COME HOME LAST NIGHT I WAITED AND WAITED BY MORNING I WAS FRANTIC I CALLED THE POLICE WE CAME HERE TO THE SHOP, AND...OHHH... (SOB!)


YOU ARE THE VICTIM'S BUSINESS PARTNER YES? WHERE WERE YOU LAST NIGHT AFTER THE SHOP WAS CLOSED? CAN YOU ACCOUNT FOR YOUR MOVEMENTS?
OH PLEASE MONSIEUR YOU HAVE NO RIGHT TO QUESTION PIERRE! HE WAS MY HUSBAND'S DEAR FRIEND AS WELL AS BUSINESS PARTNER! I INSIST THAT YOU DO NOT PLAGUE HIM WITH SENSELESS QUESTIONS!

YOU ARE KIND DOLLY, TO HOLD SUCH CONFIDENCE IN ME! BUT REALLY I AM WILLING TO ANSWER ALL QUESTIONS
NO I WILL NOT HAVE IT! LET THE POLICE LOOK FOR THE THIEF AND THEY WILL FIND THE MURDERER!
HMMM. PERHAPS YOU ARE RIGHT, MADAME!

PIERRE VOLAIN HAD PLAYED HIS ROLE WELL AND GLOATED AT HIS VICTIM'S WIDOW'S TRUST IN HIM. DOLLY INSISTED THAT PIERRE MANAGE THE SHOP ALONE, THINKING HE WOULD FAITHFULLY TURN OVER HER HUSBAND'S SHARE OF THE PROFITS TO HER, BUT PIERRE GAVE DOLLY A MERE QUARTER OF THE RECEIPTS AND DISPOSED OF THE REST AT HIS FAVORITE NIGHTLY HAUNT...

THE DICE HAVE RUINED ME! PERHAPS THE CARDS WILL MAKE FORTUNE SMILE ON ME!

BUT PIERRE CONTINUED TO LOSE HEAVILY AND HE WAS BEGINNING TO BORROW LARGE SUMS OF MONEY FROM THE CASINO'S OWNER

REMEMBER, MONSIEUR VOLAIN... I EXPECT FULL REPAYMENT IN TWO WEEKS TIME!

YOU'LL GET YOUR MONEY! YOU NEEDN'T QUIBBLE ABOUT THE LOAN! AFTER ALL, YOUR VAULTS ARE BULGING WITH MY MONEY LOST IN YOUR INIQUITOUS DEN!

BUT IT WAS THE SAME OLD STORY! PIERRE HAD PLAYED LIKE AN OBSESSED DEMON AND LOST!

THE CARDS ARE BEWITCHED! THEY'VE FLEECED ME OF MY LAST SOU!

AS IF HIS GAMBLING LOSSES WERE NOT ENOUGH, BUSINESS WAS PRACTICALLY AT A STANDSTILL! HIS FORMER CUSTOMERS SEEMED TO PREFER THE NEW STORE ACROSS THE STREET.

THAT ALFRED LEBEAU IS STEALING ALL MY CLIENTS! AT THIS RATE I'LL BE BANKRUPT! I MUST DO SOMETHING ABOUT THIS SITUATION TONIGHT!

THAT NIGHT...

AH... AT LAST... HE IS LOCKING UP! NOW I SHALL FOLLOW HIM TO HIS HOME... WHICH HE SHALL *NEVER* REACH!

KILLING HIS SECOND VICTIM WAS AS SIMPLE AS MURDERING HIS FIRST! PIERRE VOLAIN KNEW EXACTLY HOW TO APPLY THE RIGHT AMOUNT OF PRESSURE TO THE TWISTED CORD WHICH SQUEEZED THE LIFE OUT OF HIS TERRIFIED PREY!

AT THE WALLET'S FAT WITH FRANC NOTES! LEBEAU DID A PROFITABLE BUSINESS TODAY FOR ME
AH! WITH ONE STROKE I HAVE ELIMINATED TWO PROBLEMS. THE MONEY WILL PAY OFF MY DEBT TO RAVENAT THE CASINO OWNER AND LEBEAU'S SHOP WILL NO LONGER AFFORD ME RUINOUS COMPETITION!
AND THE FOLLOWING MORNING
PIERRE WHAT WAS DRAWN THE CROWD TO LEBEAU'S SHOP?
I DO NOT KNOW! SOMETHING SERIOUS NO DOUBT! THERE ARE POLICE OFFICERS...
LOOK! THE POLICE ARE COMING OVER HERE!
IT IS THE SAME OFFICER WHO TRIED TO QUESTION ME, AFTER MARCEL'S DEATH! BAH, I AM NOT AFRAID OF HIS PRYING INTERROGATION!
I HOPE YOU WON'T OBJECT TO A FEW QUESTIONS THIS MORNING, MONSIEUR... DID YOU NOTICE ANYTHING SUSPICIOUS AT LEBEAU'S SHOP LAST EVENING? SOMETHING WHICH MAY HAVE FOLLOWED HIM AFTER HE LOCKED UP? SOMETHING WHICH COULD HAVE STRANGLED HIM AS HE WALKED HOME?
LEBEAU STRANGLED! HOW HORRIBLE! NO! I DON'T SEE ANYTHING
AS A MATTER OF FACT I CLOSED MY SHOP EARLIER THAN USUAL LAST NIGHT. I DON'T FEEL SO WELL SO OF COURSE I COULD HAVE BEEN WAITING FOR LEBEAU WOULDN'T KNOW FOR CERTAIN
HMMM! I SEE
SORRY TO HAVE DISTURBED YOU. AU REVOIR, MONSIEUR, MADAME!
I'VE GOT HIM FOR STRANGLED. THE SOUL I'M TOO CLEVER FOR HIM!

PIERRE WAS GRATEFUL THAT DOLLY HAD MOVED OFF INTO THE BACK ROOM OF THE SHOP FOR HE HAD A VISITOR A FEW MINUTES LATER.

THE TWO WEEKS ARE UP TODAY, MONSIEUR VOLAIN! I JUST WANTED TO REMIND YOU ABOUT THAT DEBT...IT'S QUITE A LARGE SUM...

HERE'S YOUR FILTHY MONEY RAVENAC! LARGE OR SMALL... WHEN I NEED MONEY, I KNOW HOW TO GET IT!

DOLLY HAD EMERGED FROM THE BACK ROOM JUST AS PIERRE PAID OFF HIS LARGE DEBT! A QUESTION BEGAN TO FORM IN HER MIND.

I DID NOT KNOW PIERRE WAS ADDICTED TO GAMBLING! HE MUST HAVE LOST PLENTY... THIS DEBT HE HAS JUST PAID TO MONSIEUR RAVENAC..?

I'LL BE BACK AT YOUR CASINO TONIGHT, MY LUCK IS BOUND TO CHANGE!

PIERRE, WHERE DID YOU GET SO MUCH MONEY? YOU TOLD ME BUSINESS HAS BEEN BAD FOR SO LONG. BUT YOU GAVE MONSIEUR RAVENAC A SMALL FORTUNE! HAVE YOU BEEN HOLDING BACK *MY SHARE* OF THE RECEIPTS?

WHAT? YOU ACCUSE *ME?* I THOUGHT YOU TRUSTED ME!

I *DID* TRUST YOU, UNTIL NOW! A MAN WHO HAS THE GAMBLING CRAZE WOULD *STEAL*... PERHAPS EVEN *KILL!*

KILL? YES SUCH A MAN *WOULD*, *WOULDN'T* HE?

AIEEE

THE TERRIFYING SCREAMS OF PIERRE VOLAIN'S INTENDED VICTIM BROUGHT THE POLICE ON THE RUN FROM ACROSS THE STREET.

AHHHH!!

BANG BANG

VOILA, THE ELUSIVE MURDER WEAPON, MADAME! THE *SAME* THAT KILLED YOUR HUSBAND. AND MONSIEUR LEBEAU LAST NIGHT! AND *YOU*, WHO TRUSTED HIM, HAVE PUT THE KILLER IN OUR HANDS!

OHHH!

PIERRE VOLAIN'S MURDER TRIAL WAS SWIFT, AND THE VERDICT INEVITABLE ...DEATH BY THE GUILLOTINE! THE MAN WHO THREW AWAY A FORTUNE AT THE CASINO GAMBLED THE HIGHEST STAKES OF ALL.. HIS OWN LIFE ...AGAINST THE FORCES OF *LAW* AND *ORDER*... AND *LOST!*

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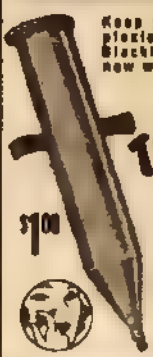

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was surrounded by her immediate family only. I hopped into my car and passed two red lights in getting out to her old estate. The homicide squad was there, namely Lieutenant Benson.

"What do you want here?" he said to me.

"Interested in the murder," I told him.

"Murder? This wasn't murder. It was suicide."

"I know better," I said.

"Now look," he said, grabbing me by my lapels, "I don't want you, or any other private dick stirring up trouble where there is none. We say it's suicide. And that is just what it is."

I agreed with him, and he let go of my lapels.

He turned and walked out of the room. I went in to talk to the relatives who were sitting around talking rather cheerfully about how much money each one would get for his legacy. I questioned them all. Each one separately, and the stories were all the same. They had all been in the downstairs living room all evening, for at least three hours after Agatha Darwood went up to bed. None could have administered the fast-acting poison without the others knowing. Either they were all in it together, or Agatha Darwood had indeed committed suicide. I could not bring myself to accept the latter, and yet it was hard to believe that six people would conspire to such a murder.

I went up to look at the body, with the permission of the six. She lay there under the covers and I looked at her face. It was peaceful. I had a debt to discharge to her. She had hired me to do a job, and I swore that I would do it. "Detect!" she had said. Well, that's just what I would do.

I went over to her private desk and started looking through her papers, bills, letters. Anything which would give me a clue to who might want to kill her.

There were many receipts from various charities, tremendous bills which had been run up by her nieces and nephews, and very little for herself I noticed. The few bills that were for herself included doctor bills, and there were two dental bills. It seemed ironic that she should go through all the trouble of going to have her teeth fixed. People shouldn't have to go through pain before they died. I got her lawyer's phone number and called him about the duplicate will. He verified it. I hung up and headed downstairs to the family.

Something was niggling in the back of my mind. A clue. Somewhere I had passed up a clue that would tell me who was the murderer. I thought back over the papers I had examined, and then it clicked. I had it. I dashed back up the stairs and reexamined the body. When I was sure I was right, I went down again. Dr. Rogers had come in to extend his regrets to the family. He was talking to the lieutenant. I said:

"Lieutenant, there is your murderer. Dr. Rogers."

"You're crazy," he said to me. "Rogers was at his office when Agatha Darwood died. Or didn't you know she died of fast poison. Why would her dentist want to harm her anyway?"

I watched the sweat break out on the Doctor's head and then I smiled. "Why?" I said. "Because he owed her thirty-thousand dollars which she was pressing him for. It would have ruined him. How? It was a brilliant way, wasn't it doctor? All he did was to put a small paraffin capsule filled with arsenic in the cavity of her tooth, and seal it in place with some more wax. He knew it would take several hours for the wax to melt, giving him a good alibi."

Everyone looked at Dr. Rogers. He sat in a chair with his hands to his face.

"Rogers will learn, I imagine, that there are faster ways to die, than *slow death by poison!*" I picked up my hat and walked out.

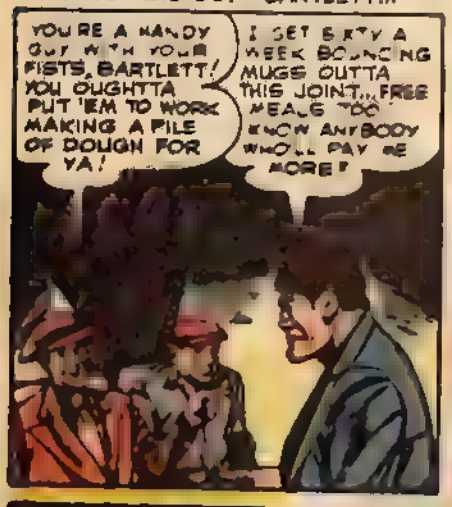
THE END #8464

HOODLUM FOR HIRE

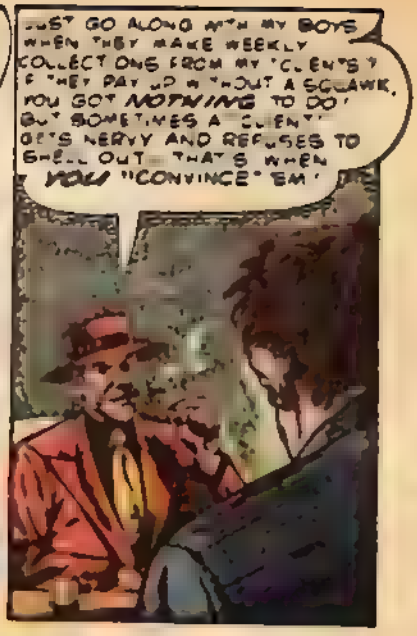
THE MUGS REFUSE TO PAY UP! GIVE 'EM THE WORKS, "B.G BOY"!
ANNH!
OWWW!
IT WAS THE YEAR 1934.. SCENE A LARGE MIDWEST AMERICAN CITY' THIS IS WHERE A HOODLUM NAMED "B.G BOY" BARTLETT BEGAN HIS UNDERWORLD CAREER' A THUG OF LOW MENTALITY BARTLETT INSTILLED FEAR INTO THE ROTTEN HEARTS OF HIS FELLOW CRIMINALS' HIS WEAPONS WERE NOT GLEAMING KNIVES OR BARKING GUNS HE USED WHAT NATURE HAD PROVIDED HIM IN EXTRA ABUNDANCE A BRUTISH BODY AND POWER-PACKED FISTS!

WOW WHAT A BOUNCER' HE CLEARED UP THREE GUYS WITHOUT GETTIN' A SCRATCH!
WHAT HE'S MISSIN IN BRAINS HE MAKES UP FOR IN BRAWN! I COULD USE A GUY LIKE HIM IN OUR "ORGANIZATION"!

RUDY DOUGLAS WAS A SHIFTY RACKETEER ON HIS WAY UP IN THE BIG CITY'S UNDERWORLD' AND WHEN HE WANTED SOMETHING, HE USUALLY HAD THE RIGHT PRICE TO PAY FOR IT.' THIS TIME HE WANTED "BIG BOY" BARTLETT...


YOU'RE A HANDY GUY WITH YOUR FISTS, BARTLETT! YOU OUGHTTA PUT 'EM TO WORK MAKING A PILE OF DOUGH FOR YA!
I GET SIXTY A WEEK BOUNCING MUGS OUTTA THIS JOINT... FREE MEALS TOO! KNOW ANYBODY WHO'LL PAY ME MORE?

YEAH — ME! I'M OFFERIN' YA A C-NOTE EVERY WEEK... AND A BONUS FOR CERTAIN JOBS IF ALL HERE OUT YOUR FISTS TO MY ORGANIZATION!
A HUNDRED A WEEK. PLUS? SOUNDS GOOD WHAT WOULD I HAVE TO DO?

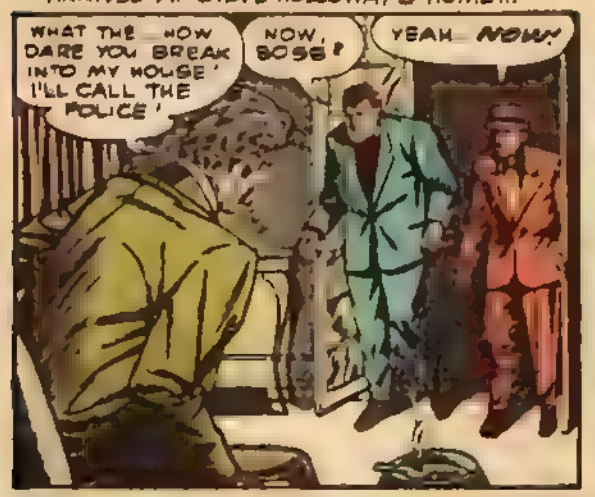

JUST GO ALONG WITH MY BOYS WHEN THEY MAKE WEEKLY COLLECTIONS FROM MY 'CLIENTS'! THEY PAY UP WITHOUT A SQUAWK, YOU GOT NOTHING TO DO! BUT SOMETIMES A "CLIENT" GETS NERVY AND REFUSES TO SHELL OUT — THAT'S WHEN YOU "CONVINCE" 'EM!

THE FOLLOWING DAY "BIG BOY" BARTLETT WENT OUT ON A BUSINESS CALL WITH PROTECTION RACKETEER RUDY DOUGLAS! THE SLY MOBSTER HAD BEEN VICTIMIZING BUILDING CONTRACTORS FOR SEVERAL WEEKS ALREADY! THE SMALL OUTFITS PAID UP BUT NOW DOUGLAS WAS READY TO TACKLE A BIG OPERATOR, STEVE HOLLOWAY OF THE CENTRAL CONSTRUCTION CORPORATION...

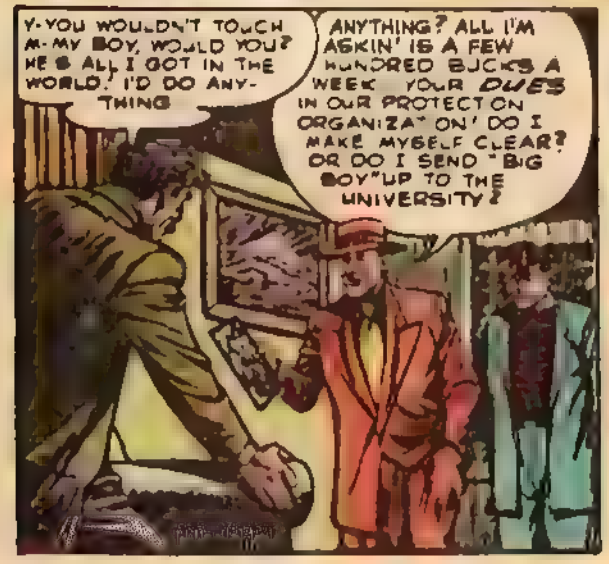
DON'T BE STUBBORN HOLLOWAY! OTHER COMPANIES IN THE CITY ARE GRATEFUL FOR MY PROTECTION! I KEEP HIJACKERS OFF THEIR TRUCKS. TROUBLEMAKERS AWAY FROM CONSTRUCTION JOBS...

YEAH... AND I KNOW WHO THE HIJACKERS AND TROUBLEMAKERS ARE DOUGLAS! YOU AND YOUR THUGS! AND YOU WANT TO PROTECT ME FROM YOU, IS THAT IT? WELL, MISTER THE ANSWER IS NO!

THAT SAME NIGHT, TWO UNEXPECTED VISITORS ARRIVED AT STEVE HOLLOWAY'S HOME...



Y-YOU CAN'T GET AWAY WITH THIS! THE POLICE... THEY'LL...
I WOULDN'T CRY "COPPER" IF I WAS YOU, HOLLOWAY! SOMETHING MIGHT HAPPEN TO YOUR SON... HE'S AT THE STATE UNIVERSITY NOW, ISN'T HE?


Y-YOU WOULDN'T TOUCH M-MY BOY, WOULD YOU? HE'S ALL I GOT IN THE WORLD! I'D DO ANY-THING
ANYTHING? ALL I'M ASKIN' IS A FEW HUNDRED BUCKS A WEEK — YOUR DUES IN OUR PROTECT-ON ORGANIZA-TION! DO I MAKE MYSELF CLEAR? OR DO I SEND "BIG BOY" UP TO THE UNIVERSITY?

NO...NO! I'LL PAY! I'LL GIVE YOU THE FIRST PAYMENT NOW!
IN CASH! AND MY BOYS WILL CALL ON YOU EVERY WEEK! NO STALLIN'! OR YOUR K-O GETS IT... UNDERSTAND?

IN THE WEEKS THAT FOLLOWED, "BIG BOY" BARTLETT EARNED HIS SALARY, WITH EXTRA BONUS, AS RUDY DOUGLAS SPREAD HIS VICIOUS PROTECTION ACTIVITIES THROUGHOUT THE CITY.

OWW!

ARE YA GONNA GIVE UP... OR AIN'T YA?

OHH! PLEASE. I-I'LL PAY! DON'T HIT ME ANY MORE! OWW!

AND THE HOODLUM WHO HIRED OUT HIS SERVICES AS A BRUTAL STRONG-ARM MAN WAS EARNING A SMALL FORTUNE WITH HIS POWERFUL, TERRIFYING FISTS THAT COULD MAIM A MAN WHO DIDN'T COME TO TERMS FAST ENOUGH!

IT'S TRUE THAT "BIG BOY" BARTLETT WASN'T VERY BRIGHT, BUT HE HAD TWO KEEN EYES, AND COULD SEE THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE SMALL APARTMENT HIS FEW HUNDRED BUCKS A WEEK GAVE HIM, AND THE LUXURIOUS SUITE DOUGLAS' PROFITABLE PROTECTION RACKET PROVIDED HIM WITH...

THE BOSS REALLY LIVES IN STYLE! AND IT'S ME WHO MAKES THE SUCKERS PAY UP! I'M GONNA ASK FOR MORE DOUGH!

YEAH? THAT'S REALLY NEWS! WHAT IS IT, YOU OVERGROWN GOON?

SAY, BOSS, I GOT SOMETHING ON MY MIND!

WELL, THINGS'VE BEEN GOIN' PRETTY SMOOTH, WHAT WITH ME "PERSUADIN'" YER CLIENTS TO PAY OFF REGULAR! SO, I COULD USE A COUPLE HUNDRED MORE A WEEK, AN' I BEEN THINKIN'...

YOU...THINKIN'? DON'T MAKE ME LAUGH! AS FOR THE DOUGH, YOU'RE MAKIN' FIVE TIMES AS MUCH AS YA DID BOUNCIN' CHARACTERS OUTTA THAT SALOON I FOUND YA IN! SO DON'T LET ME HEAR ANY MORE ABOUT MORE MONEY! FORGET IT!

BUT, BOSS, ALL I WANT IS A LITTLE..OWW!

I SAID, SHUT UP! NO GOON IS GONNA SHAKE ME DOWN!

HEY, BOSS.. YA GOT COMPANY! IT'S ED NASH! HE'S ON HIS WAY UP!

ED NASH! A POWER IN THE UNDERWORLD OF THIS TEEMING CITY IN THE MIDWEST! A CUTTHROAT WHO WANTED TO BE TOP MAN AND HAD HIS OWN WAY OF ELIMINATING COMPETITION!

OKAY, NASH...OUT WITH IT! WHAT'S ON YOUR CONNIVING MIND? I'M A BUSY MAN!

STOW THE GAB, DOUGLAS! I'LL DO ALL THE TALKING!

I CAME HERE WITH A PROPOSITION! YOU CAN CONSOLIDATE YOUR OPERATIONS WITH MINE, AND BETWEEN THE TWO OF US, WE'LL HAVE THE RACKETS IN THIS TOWN SEWED UP TIGHT... WHAT D'YA SAY?

WHAT DO I SAY? JUST THIS, YA LEECH! I'M GONNA HAVE YA THROWN OUT, AN' IF YA EVER CROSS MY PATH AGAIN, I'LL VENTILATE YA! "BIG BOY"... DO YOUR STUFF!

HOLD IT, "BIG BOY"! I'LL PAY YA TWICE WHAT THIS SKUNK IS PAYIN' YA, IF YOU'LL COME AN' WORK FOR ME! WHAT D'YA SAY?

DOUBLE WHAT I'M GETTIN' NOW?

WHEN DO I START?
RIGHT NOW! YA CAN START ON THESE PUNKS!
ME BEFORE!
OWW!
BOY" HIS HOODS ARE REACHIN' FOR
BANG!
HOW DID I DO, BOSS?
YOU WERE GREAT, KID... JUST GREAT! I'LL PAY YA A BONUS FOR THIS LITTLE FRACAS! WELL, DOUGLAS, WHAT'S YOUR ANSWER NOW?
AND THAT WAS HOW "BIG BOY" BARTLETT CAME TO WORK FOR ED NASH, NOTORIOUS MOBSTER AND VICIOUS RACKETEER.
PERSUADED RUDY DOUGLAS TO CUT US IN ON HIS "TAKE"!
GLAD YA HAVE US ON THE JOB BIG BOY!
ED NASH'S DIRTY FINGERS REACHED INTO EVERY ILLEGAL UNDERTAKING IN THE CITY! THERE WERE THE HIDDEN "BOOKIE" JOINTS.
ARE YA JO NIN' NASH'S ORGANIZATION, OR AIN'T YA?
YEOWW!
OKAY!
OKAY!
WE'LL JO'N! LAY OFF WILL YA?
AND THE "NUMBERS" RACKETEER...
NASH TAKES 75% AND YOU CAN KEEP THE REST! OKAY?
AHHH!! OKAY! YEOWW!

ED NASH PAID HIS "GOON" WELL, AND "BIG BOY" BARTLETT BEGAN TO WEAR EXPENSIVE SUITS AND SMOKE BIG CIGARS! HE WAS A BIG SHOT NOW AND HE WAS LIVING UP TO THE PART!
I'M PLEASED WITH YA, "BIG BOY"... REAL PLEASED! NOW I GOT ANOTHER LITTLE JOB FOR YA! THIS TOWN IS LOADED WITH FRUIT AN' VEGETABLE STORES! AFTER ALL, PEOPLE GOTTA EAT! SO THOSE JOINTS SHOULD BE RIPE FOR A BIG HARVEST.. GOT ME?
GOTCHA, BOSS! I'M ON MY WAY!
"POP" BURROWS WASN'T EXACTLY SURPRISED WHEN BARTLETT EXPLAINED MATTERS TO HIM! HOODLUMS HAD TRIED TO VICTIMIZE "POP" BEFORE...
A HUNDRED BUCKS A WEEK AN' WE PROTECT YA!
BAH! YOU HOODLUMS ARE ALL ALIKE! I BEEN HERE ON THIS SPOT NEARLY 30 YEARS, AN' I AIN'T NEVER PAID BLOOD MONEY TO A CROOKED SKUNK, AN' I AIN'T STARTIN' NOW!
"POP" HAVING TROUBLE WITH THUGS AGAIN?
STOP! I'LL HAVE THE LAW ON YOU!
OFFICER HOGAN, THIS HOODLUM WRECKED MY STALLS, 'CAUSE I WOULDN'T PAY HIS DIRTY BOSS PROTECTION MONEY!
SO THAT'S IT! WELL, "POP" IF YOU'RE WILLING TO TESTIFY, WE CAN MAKE A CHARGE STICK AND CLEAN UP THIS FILTHY RACKET! AS FOR YOU, YOU'RE COMING DOWN TO HEADQUARTERS!
OH YEAH? THERE AIN'T A COP IN THIS TOWN CAN TOUCH ME! I'M A BIG MAN, SEE?
THE BRUTE WAS SO CONFIDENT THAT HIS BIGNESS AND POWERFUL FISTS COULD SUBDUE ANY FOE, THAT HE WAS EVEN READY TO DEFY AN OFFICER OF THE LAW!
NO ONE TELLS "BIG BOY" BARTLETT WHAT TA DO!
OKAY, "BIG BOY"... YOU ASKED FOR IT!
SOCK
WHEN "POP" BURROWS GAVE HIS TESTIMONY, OTHER FRIGHTENED VICTIMS OF ED NASH'S "PROTECTION" RACKET CAME FORWARD AND GAVE EVIDENCE! THE GANG'S ORGANIZATION COLLAPSED, AND "BIG BOY" BARTLETT FELL WITH IT!
I HEREBY SENTENCE YOU TO THE STATE PENITENTIARY FOR A TERM NOT EXCEEDING 20 YEARS ...AND NOT LESS THAN 10 YEARS!
10 TO 20 YEARS! I WAS A BIG SHOT... THE BIG MAN OF ED NASH'S MOB! I THOUGHT NOBODY COULD BEAT ME!
YOU SHOULD HAVE REALIZED, BARTLETT, YOU WERE BIG IN SIZE ONLY! YOU SHOULD HAVE KNOWN THAT NO MATTER HOW BIG YOU THOUGHT YOU WERE, THE POLICE AND THE FORCES OF LAW AND ORDER ARE BIGGER... MUCH BIGGER... AND THEY ALWAYS WILL BE!!!
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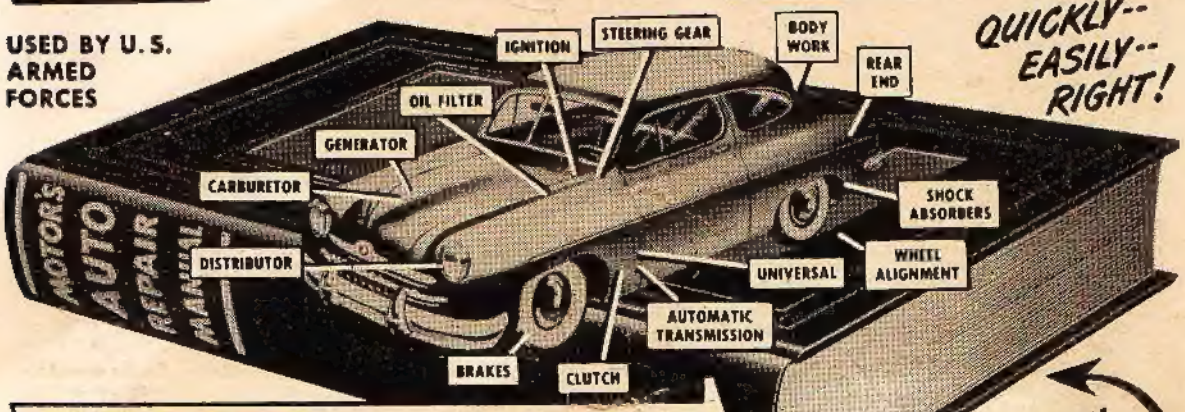

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